

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 18

Casino Uses \$67,726 in Taxpayer Money to Send Staff to Customer Service Seminar

- The Oneida Bingo and Casino outside of Green Bay, Wisconsin used a federal grant they received through the Stimulus package, to send their staff to a customer service seminar. The two day seminar was held at a local technical college to teach the casino staff how to handle confrontations with customers. It was clear to the instructors, however, that the casino staff was already well trained at handling confrontations.
- With Wisconsin's unemployment rate at just below 9%, the Federal government chose to spend \$67,726 to retrain a casino staff, rather than using the money to create jobs.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, tax dollars would not have been spent to teach staff something they already knew how to do. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit: <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- **Sources:** <http://maciverinstitute.com/2009/08/stimulus-money-used-for-customer-service-seminar.html>
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